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July 31st, 1917.

Sir Robert A. Falconer,

President, University of Toronto.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing copy of a letter sent to this office by Miss Patterson before she left the city. I have made enquiries as to how many sextants are available in this University and have located three; as follows:- one in the Department of Physics in the Engineering Building, and one in the Physics Building; also one in the Department of Surveying.

I replied to the letter yesterday as follows:- "Have only three sextants in this University. Cannot locate any more in Toronto. Let me know if you require these."

Should Mr. Fitz Hugh ask us to forward these three, it would be necessary to have your permission first, and then the permission of the heads of the Departments concerned.

Yours very truly,

A. T. Laing.

Secretary.

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C. H. F. H.

Lake Forest, Ill,
U.S.A.
July 26, 1917.

The President, The University of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Mr. President;-

The United States Shipping Board of Washington and Boston, Mr. Henry Howard, Chairman, telegraphed me some days ago to secure forty sextants by purchase or lease for the use of the Board. The need is urgent. Through a Detroit source we heard that they might be had in Montreal, at least some of this number. In answer to a telegram sent to Frederick William Taylor last night at Montreal he suggested that we try you, You will do me a great favor if you will telegraph should you have any the number that can be purchased or leased. Any expense I will pay.

I am instructed by Mr. Howard to say that the Board will pay from fifty to ninety dollars each, according to condition, and two dollars a month for the lease of them for a few months. The price to be paid for those offered outright will be determined by the experts of the Board in Boston. Mr. Howard will appreciate any service that you may be able to render him. Sir Frederick Williams Taylor and William Turner, Esq., the resident Manager at Chicago, have rendered conspicuous service in securing from the authorities at Ottawa data that brought forth a most appreciative letter from the Secretary of War, Mr. Baker, the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Daniels, and the Asst. Secretary, Mr. Roosevelt. Our friends of the Bank of Montreal have been good enough to volunteer to be of any service in their power to the authorities at Washington, and I feel assured of your friendly assistance so far as is possible and consistent.

I am, my dear Mr. President, with respect,

Very sincerely yours,

Signed - Carter H. Fitz Hugh

P.S. It may not be out of place to say at the unveiling of a memorial in Virginia several years ago it fell to the lot of ~~my~~ an uncle of mine to speak a word of welcome to the President of the United States and other distinguished guests who were present. He made one statement that may have a word of comfort in it to Canadiana. "The Angle Saxon Race never surrenders, except to itself. Lord Cornwallis to General Washington. General Lee to General Grant." He was himself an artillery officer of the Stonewall Brigade.